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SUBJECT: EGYPT'S INTERNAL ACTION PROGRAM

SUMMARY. EGYPT'S "INTERNAL ACTION PROGRAM", UNDER DISCUSSION FOR THE PAST WEEK, WILL BE PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT SADAT NEXT WEEK. PROMINENT PRESS PLAY OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO REASSURE MAN-IN-THE-STREET THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT HIS WELFARE, AMID HINTS THAT CABINET RESHUFFLE WILL ACCOMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTION PLAN. END SUMMARY.

1. APRIL 11 MAIN STORY IN ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY GUMHURIYYA REPORTS ON "INTERNAL ACTION PROGRAM", ANNOUNCING THAT IT WILL BE PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT SADAT NEXT WEEK. SADAT WILL THEN "DEFINE THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF ACTION DURING THE COMING STAGE".

2. DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED PROMINENT PRESS

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COVERAGE OVER PAST WEEK; STORIES AND ACCOMPANYING PHOTOS

HAVE STRESSED THAT THOSE PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS ARE OF HIGHEST RANK. (DISCUSSIONS ARE BEING CHAIRED BY PRIMIN HEGAZY AND REPORTEDLY INCLUDE 18 CABINET MINISTERS.)

3. SADAT'D DIRECTIVES IN CONNECTION WITH STUDY OF INTERNAL ACTION PLAN ARE REPORTED TO BE:

(A) MAXIMUM MOBILIZATION OF NATIONAL ENERGIES ARE REQUIRED TO COPE WITH "EVENTUALITIES" OF PRESENT SITUATION. HENCE FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS ARE IMPORTANT PART OF THESE STUDIES.

(B) EGYPTIONS MUST BE AWARE OF THEIR "ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE" THROUGH "EXPRESSION OF THEIR VIEWS". BROADENING OF ASU MEMBERSHIPS IS APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR THIS.

(C) "FULL TIME MINISTERS" AND "NEW ELEMENTS TO STRENGTHEN THE CABINET" ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ACCORD PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO "PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE".

(D) EVERY MINISTRY WILL HAVE A "SET PLAN" FOR IMPLEMENTING THE ACTION PROGRAM AND FOR ELIMINATING OR ALLEVIATING OBSTACLES THAT STAND IN ITS WAY. "THE CABINET IS TO BE STRENGTHENED IN LIGHT OF THESE STUDIES".

(E) INTEGRATION OF THESE SET PLANS IS NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE "BOTTLENECKS" IN THEIR EXECUTION.

(F) RURAL AREAS WILL RECEIVE FAIR SHARE OF PROJECTS, UTILITIES AND SERVICES IN ATTEMPT TO LIMIT "INTERNAL MIGRATION IN PARTICULAR TO CAIRO".

5. COMMENT: GOE APPEARS TO BE MAKING CONCERTED EFFORT TO ASSURE EGYPTIANS THAT IT TAKES THEIR ECONOMIC, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING PROBLEMS SERIOUSLY AND THAT IT CARES ENOUGH TO ASSIGN ITS TOP LEVEL OFFICIALS TO JOB OF QUICKLY DEVISING APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS. THIS IS FIRST MENTION THAT FOREIGN POLICY IS BEING INCLUDED IN CURRENT REVIEW OF INTERNAL SITUATION. OFT-RUMORED CABINET CHANGES ARE STRONGLY HINTED AT IN CONNECTION WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNAL ACTION PLAN.

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